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SUBJECT: EC WINE CAP - PROPOSED NEW OENOLOGICAL RULES

REF: (A) EC A-219 OF JUNE 9, 1970; (B) EC A-245;
(C) EC BRUSSELS 3343; (D) EC A-172.

1. THE EC COMMISSION HAS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL A PROPOSED REGULATION ESTABLISHING RULES ON THE COMPOSITION AND TREATMENT OF WINES ADDITIONAL TO THE RULES NOW IN FORCE (REF A). (IT IS THE CURRENT RULES NOW IN FORCE WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE APPLIED TO IMPORTED WINES EFFECTIVE JULY 1- REFS C AND D.) IF ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL, THE ADDITIONAL RULES WOULD APPLY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1974, TO WINE OFFERED OR RELEASED FOR DIRECT HUMAN CONSUMPTION IN THE COMMUNITY. COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THESE RULES WOULD APPLY TO IMPORTED WINE AND THUS WOULD FORM PART OF THE FUTURE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

2. THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION IS BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM (REF B). SINCE BAFT/ TREASURY OFFICIALS MAY ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL WITH COMMISSION OFFICIALS DURING THEIR VISIT TO BRUSSELS, WHEN EXACT DATES ARE DECIDED, WE ARE QUOTING BELOW ITS MOST IMPORTANT PROVISIONS:
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BEGIN QUOTE. THE FOLLOWING ANNEX IS ADDED TO REGULATION

(EEC) NO. 816/70:

ANNEX IIA

1. PROCESSES AND OENOLOGICAL PRACTICES WHICH MAY BE APPLIED TO FRESH GRAPES, GRAPE MUST, GRAPE MUST IN FERMENTATION, AND NEW WINE STILL IN FERMENTATION:

- A. AERATION;
- B. HEAT TREATMENT;
- C. REFRIGERATION;
- D. CENTRIFUGING AND FILTRATION, WITH OR WITHOUT AND ADDED INERT FILTERING AGENT;
- E. USE OF CARBON DIOXIDE, OR OF NITROGEN IN AN INERT ATMOSPHERE;
- F. USE OF SELECTED YEASTS;
- G. ADDITION PER LITRE OF UP TO 0.3 GR OF DIAMONIC ORTHOPHOSPHATE OR UP TO 0.6 MGR OF THIAMIN;
- H. ADDITION OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE, POTASSIUM DISULPHITE, AND CALCIUM DISULPHITE;
- I. PHYSICAL DESULPHITING;
- J. USE OF INFUSORIAL EARTH;
- K. USE OF CARBON OR COAL OT DECOLOUR STAINED WHITE MUSTS;
- L. USE OF BENTONITE OR OF THE CLARIFYING AGENT SPECIFIED AT POINT (J).

2. PROCESSES AND OENOLOGICAL PRACTICES WHICH MAY BE APPLIED TO WINE:

- A. REFERMENTATION WITH FRESH GRAPES, WHETHER OR NOT PRESSED, OR WITH FRESH GRAPE MUSTS;
- B. AERATION;
- C. HEAT TREATMENT;
- D. REFRIGERATION;
- E. CENTRIFUGING AND FILTRATION, WITH OR WITHOUT AN ADDED INERT FILTERING AGENT;
- F. USE OF CARBONDIOXIDE, OR OF NITROGEN IN AN INERT ATMOSPHERE;
- G. USE, WITHIN THE LIMITS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 26 A, OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE, POTASSIUM DISULPHITE AND CALCIUM DISULPHITE;
- H. ADDITION PER LITRE OF UP TO 10 MG OF SORBIC ACID OR POTASSIUM SORBATE. WHERE SORBIC ACID IS USED, THE MAXIMUM SULPHUR DIOXIDE CONTENT AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE UNCLASSIFIED

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26 A IS REDUCED BY 1/3;

- I. ADDITION OF L- ASCORBIC ACID;
- J. CLARIFICATION AND FINDING BY MEANS OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANCES:
 - EDIBLE GELATINES
 - FISH GLUE
 - CASEIN

- ANIMAL ALBUMINS

- BENTONITE

- SILICON GEL

- KAOLIN

K. ADDITION OF TANNIN;

L. USE OF INFUSORIAL EARTH;

M. TREATMENT WITH CARBON OR COAL FOR THE PURPOSE

OF - DECOLOURING STAINED WHITE WINES OR ELIMINATING MINOR

DEFECTS OF SMELL OR TASTE; - PREVENTING FERRIC CASSE;

N. USE OF UP TO 5-0/0 BY VOLUME OF UNDILUTED FRESH,

HEALTHY LIQUID YEASTS, PREPARED BY THE WINE PRODUCER HIMSELF

AND OBTAINED BY FERMENTING WINE OF THE SAME NATURE AND FROM THE
SAME VINEYARD AS THE WINE BEING TREATED;

O. TREATMENT BY UP TO 200 MG OF CALCIUM PHYTATE PER LITRE;

P. TREATMENT BY POTASSIUM FERROCYANIDE, PROVIDED

THAT - THE OPERATION IS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND

RESPONSIBILITY OF AN OENOLOGIST; - AND NO TRACE DISCOVERABLE ON

ANALYSIS REMAINS OF THE POTASSIUM FERROCYANIDE OR OF ITS DERI-
VATIONS;

Q. ADDITION OF UP TO 100 MG OF TARTARIC ACID PER LITRE;

R. USE OF RACEMIC ACID TO PRECIPITATE EXCESS CALCIUM. END QUOTE.

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